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Principal Dallas Independent School District
Elementary School
Dallas, Texas


Dear Principal:

I am seeking a position in DISD as a first year teacher as a Generalist EC-6. While I am at the beginning of my teaching career, I have spent the past ten years practicing law as a commercial litigation attorney specializing in health insurance disputes. I decided to pursue a teaching career because I love children, and I want to make a positive and lasting impact on the world, even in a small way. In my time as an attorney, I have developed many skills and experiences that lend themselves well to a teaching career

I have extensive training and experience in research, writing, public speaking, and presentations. I have well-honed skills of persuasive writing and speaking in court and with clients. I am adept at the creative problem solving, and critical thinking, and I enjoy breaking down complex issues and ideas to make them easier to understand and explain.

In addition to my legal experience, I am completing a Master's in Education at SMU, which has provided specific training in lesson planning, pedagogy, data driven teaching, differentiation, and behavior management techniques. SMU also provides many opportunities to gain field experience, so that I have spent three semesters in classrooms as an observer, as well as two semesters working with small groups of young refugee and immigrant English Language Learners from Somalia, Burma, and India at Jack Lowe Elementary as part of "Project CONNECT". Finally, I have spent the past semester teaching 4-5 grade social studies with a focus on writing under the mentorship of a DISD Distinguished teacher, and Teacher of the Year 2017-2018, Kara Hoover.

I am also a creative and imaginative artist, with skills in drawing, painting, sewing, cooking, and other arts and crafts. Finally, I am a mother of two lovely daughters, both of whom are honor roll students at Rosemont and have been selected for the school's gifted and talented program.



The total of my professional skills, education, and personal experience would make me an asset to your teaching team as an elementary school teacher. I appreciate your time and consideration, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Julie Fontenot